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SUBJECT: KIM DAE JUNG'S MAY 13 PRESS CONFERENCE:

- MODERATE LANGUAGE, NO CONCESSIONS

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: KIM DAE JUNG'S PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 13 CONSISTED OF A TWO-PART STATEMENT BY KIM, THE FIRST RE-AFFIRMED HIS CONCERN FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND URGED STUDENTS AND WORKERS TO AVOID SENDING THE WRONG SIGNALS TO THE NORTH. THE SECOND ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO ORGANIZE A "PEOPLE'S UNION FOR DEMOCRACY AND REUNIFICATION". END SUMMARY.

3. KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) TOLD HIS MAY 13 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT, IF THE NORTH AGREES SHOULD SEEK TO EXPLOIT KOREA'S INTERIM PERIOD WITH ARMED INTRUSION, HE WOULD JOIN THE NATION'S PEOPLE IN CRUSHING THEM. HE URGED STUDENTS AND WORKERS TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO GIVE THE NORTH "GROUND FOR MISUNDERSTANDING". "I FULLY

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SUPPORT", IM SAID. "THE STUDENT LEADERS' RESOLUTION TO AVOID SOCIAL CONFUSION AND MAINTAIN ORDER".

4. REGARDING HIS PARTY AFFILIATION AND PUTATIVE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY, KIM SAID THE TIME TO COMPLAIN OR THAT WOULD BE WHEN THERE WAS "A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE STATE OF DEMOCRATIZATION", UNTIL THEN HE WOULD COOPERATE "AS AN ALLY" WITH THE NRP, AND WOULD SOON BEGIN TO HEAD A "PEOPLE'S UNION FOR DEMOCRATIZATION AND REUNIFICATION". HE REPEATS HIS FAMILIAR CRITICISMS OF THE NRP FOR POSING AS THE SOLE VOICE OF THE OPPOSITION, AND ACCUSED KIM YOUNG SAM (M-R: KIM YONG-SAM) OF BEING TOO POSITIVE A VIEW OF THE PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRATIZATION. A NRP SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED REGRET AT KIM'S ATTITUDE AS WELL AS HOPE THAT KIM MIGHT SOON REJOIN THE FOLD.

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